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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN DECISION CEASE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE
TO JEWISH EMIGRES

REF: A) STATE 194596; B) OSLO 3632

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE TELEPHONED
DCM ON OCTOBER 3 TO CONVEY MORE FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE
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EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE CONCERNING THE AUSTRIAN CLOSURE OF CAMP

SCHOENAU. AS ANTICIPATED, (REFTEL B) THE RESPONSE WAS ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE.

2. VIBE EXPLAINED THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SHARED THE CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OVER CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S DECISION, BOTH ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND BECAUSE IT MIGHT SET A BAD PRECEDENT BY GIVING IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NEVERTHELESS RELUCTANT TO MADE A DEMARCHE TO THE AUSTRIANS. IT NOTED THAT THE AUSTRIANS WILL CONTINUE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSIT OF INDIVIDUAL SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL. THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES ALSO ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ESTABLISH A CAMP COMPARABLE TO SCHOENAU, IF REQUESTED, AND ADMIT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE; THEY CORRESPONDINGLY FEEL IT WOULD BE HYPOCRITICAL FOR THEM TO PRESS THE AUSTRIANS ON THIS QUESTION. VIBE SAID THAT HE HAD, HOWEVER, USED THE OCCASION OF A DINNER WITH THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ON OCTOBER 2 TO EXPRESS INFORMALLY HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN BOTH OVER THE HUMANITARIAN AND PRECEDENT ASPECTS OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S DECISION. VIBE CONCLUDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO GO BEYOND THIS INFORMAL APPROACH TO AUSTRIA. BYRNE

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